

What is claimed is:

1. A developer composition for a lithographic printing plate comprising on an aluminum plate support a photosensitive layer which comprises an ethylenically unsaturated monomer, a photopolymerization initiator and a polymeric binder, wherein the developer composition contains water in an amount of not more than 10% by weight and is substantially free from a silicate.

2. The developer composition of claim 1, wherein the developer composition contains water in an amount of not more than 1% by weight.

3. The developer composition of claim 1, wherein the developer composition contains an silicate in amount of not more than 0.5% by weight converted to SiO_2 .

4. The developer composition of claim 1, wherein the developer composition comprises an alkali reagent.

5. The developer composition of claim 1, wherein the developer composition is in the form of a paste.

6. The developer composition of claim 1, wherein the developer composition is in the form of powder or granules.

7. A developer solution for a lithographic printing plate comprising on an aluminum plate support a photosensitive layer which comprises an ethylenically unsaturated monomer, a photopolymerization initiator and a polymeric binder, wherein the developer solution is obtained by dissolving a developer composition in water, and the developer composition containing water in an amount of not more than 10% by weight and being substantially free from a silicate.

8. The developer solution of claim 7, wherein the developer composition contains water in an amount of not more than 1% by weight.

9. The developer solution of claim 7, wherein the developer composition contains an silicate in amount of not more than 0.5% by weight converted to SiO_2 .

10. The developer solution of claim 7, wherein the developer composition comprises an alkali reagent.

11. The developer solution of claim 7, wherein the developer composition is in the form of a paste.

12. The developer solution of claim 7, wherein the developer composition is in the form of powder or granules.